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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO EXECUTE AN OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT FOR THE REGIONAL
SEXUAL ASSAULT FELONY ENFORCEMENT TEAM PROGRAM
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request Board approval authorizing the Sheriff of Los Angeles County (County) to execute an Operational Agreement for the Regional Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement Team (SAFE) Program funded by Local Law Enforcement Service Account (LESA) as part of Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 Public Safety Realignment (PSR) Funds. These funds are distributed by the California State Controller's Office (SCO) and will be contingent upon the availability of funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, as an agent for the County, to (1) execute an Operational Agreement for the SAFE Program with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Parole Operations, Region III (CDCR-DAPO), governing the policies and procedures for the operation of the SAFE team that is funded in part with FY 2011-12 PSR Funds and transferring FY 2011-12 PSR Funds to CDCR-DAPO for reimbursement of personnel costs; and (2) execute amendments to such Agreement as necessary for the administration and continuation of the SAFE Program.
2. Delegate authority to the Sheriff to enter into and amend all SAFE Program agreements funded by PSR Funds, including but not limited to, funding agreements, operational agreements, memorandum of understanding, joint operational agreements, and/or contracts with other county and public entities, in future fiscal years, as necessary or desirable to support the SAFE Program provided PSR Funds are available.

3. Delegate authority to the Sheriff or his designee to execute reimbursement requests as necessary for the SAFE Program as funded by PSR.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this recommended action is to obtain Board approval to delegate authority to the Sheriff to execute an Operational Agreement for the administration and continuation of the SAFE Program. The SAFE Program is a Countywide effort funded to combat the noncompliance of California Penal Code section 290 sex registrants within its jurisdiction. In the County, there is a total of 25 percent of the State's sex registrants. The primary focus of the SAFE Program is to target noncompliant sex offender registrants within the County. This effort is intended to reduce recidivism through community education, frequent contact by law enforcement with the identified population, and monitoring registration compliance to ensure sex offenders are registered and tracked. The SAFE team is comprised of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) personnel and a CDCR parole agent.

The Department has received PSR Funds in the amount of \$1,410,523 for the SAFE Program for FY 2011-12. These funds will be used to pay salary and employee benefits, including overtime to Department personnel, fixed assets, and for services provided by the CDCR-DAPO.

The funding allocation is provided below for each participating agency:

Department Funding Allocation Total - \$1,373,834

- Salary and Employee Benefits, including overtime - \$1,297,899
(Sworn and Professional Employees)
- Fixed Assets - \$75,935
(Three Vehicles)

Participating Agency Funding Allocation Total - \$36,689

- CDCR-DAPO: \$ 36,689

Background

The Department is in its fifth year of receiving grant funds from the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA). In recent years, CalEMA began supporting the SAFE Program with State Local Safety and Protection Account (LSPA) funds through LESA. LESA is derived from a combination of the Vehicle License Fee paid on automobile registrations and a Special Fund Sales Tax and is, therefore, contingent upon generated revenue.

In previous years, the delegation of authority for the Sheriff to execute the various SAFE Program agreements was sought at the time of the Board's acceptance of the SAFE grant funds. Since the funds are now distributed through LESA, this separate Board action is required.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, to maximize the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; Goal 2, Fiscal Sustainability, to strengthen and enhance the County's capacity to sustain essential County services through proactive and prudent fiscal policies and stewardship; and Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, to maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to net County cost. The PSR funds will be distributed directly to the County's Department of Auditor-Controller (AC) on a quarterly basis contingent upon the availability of SCO funds for the SAFE Program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Beginning with FY 2011-12, PSR funds were distributed directly from the SCO to the County's AC on a quarterly basis and will be contingent upon the availability of SCO funds for the SAFE Program.

The Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The procurement of the fixed assets is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be accomplished in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures established by the County's Internal Services Department.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Alternate Public Defender stated acceptance of these funds will continue to increase their workload and believes they can manage this impact with their current resources. The Public Defender stated this program will have minimal impact on their services. No response has been received from the District Attorney's Office.

CONCLUSION

Following Board approval, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two individually certified copies of the adopted Board letter with wet signatures to the Sheriff Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,



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Sheriff

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